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1. MISSION HAS TALKED TO THOMASSON AND RICHMOND PER DEPTTEL. RICHMOND WILL BE RETURNING TO U.S. ON JANUARY 20 VIA NEW YORK TO CONTINUE HIS WORK IN ORGANIZING BETTER FAO CONTACTS FOR HIRING POTENTIAL U.S. CANDIDATES.
2. FAO'S NEW HIRING FREEZE WILL LIMIT NUMBER OF ACTUAL PLACEMENTS, BUT INITIAL SUCCESS OF RICHMOND VISIT PLUS RATIONALE DEPTTEL LEADS THOMASSON TO CONTINUE EXPERIMENT WITHOUT FIXED TERMINAL DATE.
3. PRELIMINARY EARLY CONCLUSIONS INDICATE LARGE POTENTIAL, BUT ADDITIONAL MANPOWER NEEDED IN LNOR TO CONTINUE CONTACTS WITH POTENTIAL AMERICAN CANDIDATES. U.S. JOB MRKET MOVES TOO FAST FOR PERSONNEL OFFICE IN ROME TO OBTAIN WELL-QUALIFIED AMERICANS.
4. RICHMOND VERY PLEASED WITH HIS RECEPTION IN U.S. AND ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED BY YOUNGER AMERICANS. HE IS LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HIRE THEM. GIVEN TOP-HEAVY FAO BU-REAUOCRACY THERE ARE FEW POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR RECENT

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GRADUATES, BUT RUCHMOND PUSHING ASSOCIATE EXPERT PROGRAM IN

WHICH UP TO NOW U.S. PARTICIPATION HAS BEEN SMALL AND ONLY
AVAILABLE TO AID EMPLOYEES. IN LONG RUN IT IS CERTAINLY
IN OUR INTEREST TO PUSH YOUNG CANDIDATES SO AS TO GIVETHEM
EXPERIENCE AND ADD THEIR VIGOR TO FAO.VOLPE

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